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Reconsideration of the objections and rejections of the preset application is hereby requested.

Correction of priority is acknowledged. A new declaration is enclosed pursuant to the Examiner's requirement.

A Replacement Drawing of sheet no. 4 is enclosed with the correct numeral shown on figure 7, along with a marked-up copy red ink on an original copy of the figure 7. Approval of the correction to figure 7 is requested.

The Specification has been corrected relative to priority of this application. Claims 2 and 10 stand objected to because of informalities. Such claims have been amended to correct those informalities. Withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Schwartz '331. Claims 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz in view of Polidan.

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Claims 7 and 9 have been held allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and intervening dependent claim 3. Therefore, amended independent claim 1 is now believed allowable over the art of record. Also, any claim depending therefrom is also deemed allowable as well. Such action is requested. Independent claim 10 has also been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 9 and intervening claim 3, thus making amended independent claim 10 allowable as well. Such action is requested. Passage of this application to allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,



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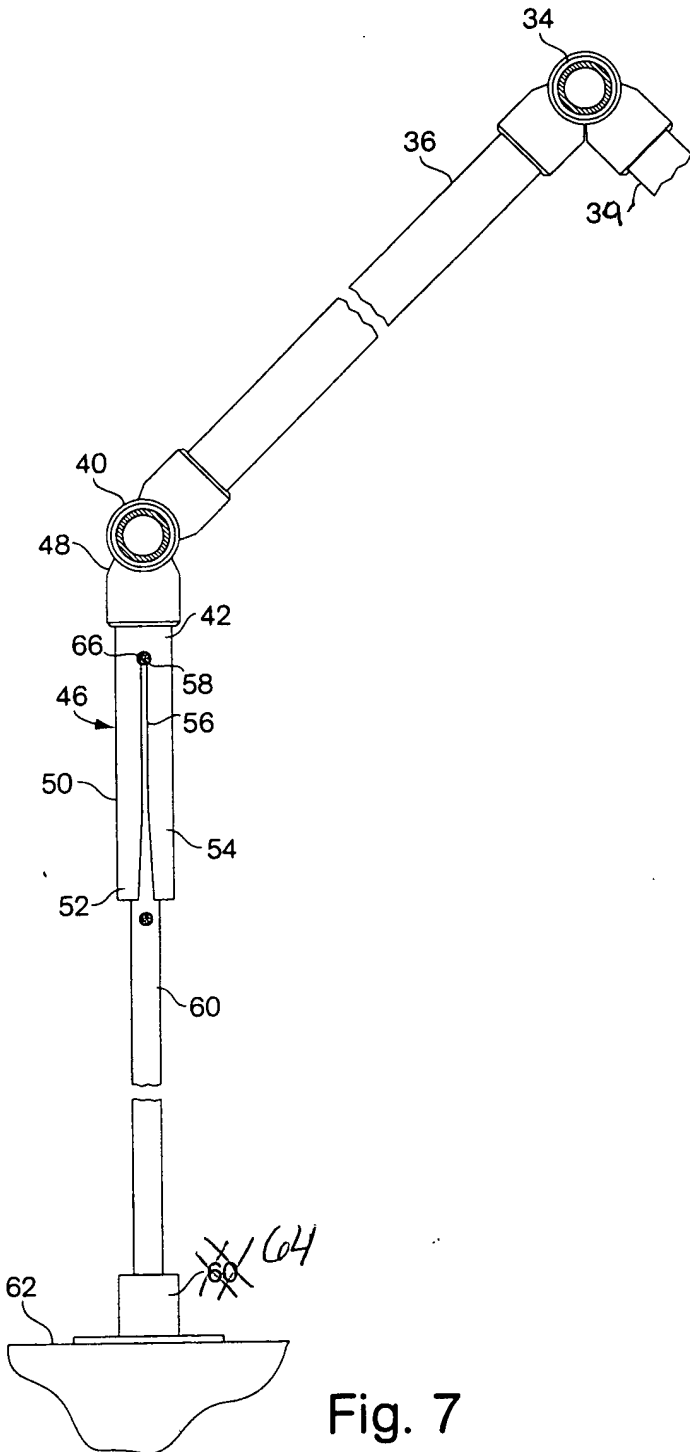


Fig. 7